

Knightsbrook Golf Club Competition Rules 2017

All players are expected to adhere to the golf club competition rules. The rules are designed to ensure clarity, fair-play and etiquette, as well as enhancing the competitiveness of our golf club competitions.

Handicap & Competitions Committee

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- The Competitions' and Handicap Secretary and Committee are responsible for drawing up and interpreting conditions for all golf club competitions. Their decision is final in all matters relating to all competitions.

- Golf Club Competition Entry Fees:

Major Competitions: €10.00/member:

Weekly Members': Competition €5.00/member:

9 Hole Fortnightly: Competition €3/Re-entry €2/member:

- In Major Competitions, positions for prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd, Gross, 3rd, Winner Cat 1, Cat 2 & Cat 3 and Second Cat 1, Cat 2 & Cat 3.
- In Weekly Competitions, if the number of participants is above 30 players, positions will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd, Winner Cat 1, Cat 2, & Cat 3.
- In Weekly Competitions, if the number of participants is below 30 players, positions will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Gross.
- In Weekly Competitions, if the number of participants is below 15 players, a sweep competition will replace the scheduled competition.
- In Team Competitions, positions and prizes will be awarded at 70% of what is taken in on the day.
- Please note Handicap Categories are as follows:
- Category 1: Handicap Range 0 – 9
- Category 2: Handicap Range 10 – 18
- Category 3: Handicap Range 19 – 28
- Ties in all 18 Hole Competitions shall be decided as follows: last 18, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes.
- Ties in all 13 Hole Competitions shall be decided as follows: last 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes.
- Ties in all 9 Hole Competitions shall be decided as follows: last 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes.
- Gold Medal Final Competition (Strokes off the Medal Tees). Qualifying criteria is as follows: Gold Medal Qualifiers are as follows 1st, 2nd, Gross, 3rd and the winner of Cat 1, Cat 2 & Cat 3 in each of the Ten Major Competitions.
- There are 10 Major Golf Club Competitions: (President's Prize, Captain's Prize, Vice-Captains' Prizes, Lady Captains' Prize, Monthly Medals (April, May, June, July, August and September).
- In order to win any prize in the above Major Competitions, a player must be a paid up member of Knightsbrook Golf Club.

- Persons in arrears (Annual Subscription and Competition Fees) will not be eligible to win prizes in any competition.
- Members must have completed and returned at least 3 single qualifying club competitions in Knightsbrook Golf Club prior to winning any Major Competition.
- The Golfer of the Year Competition is designed to honour the golfer showing the most consistency throughout the year. This award will be earned on the results of the 10 Major Golf Club Competitions. Points will be awarded based on net scores. Each player may select their best 8 points totals from the 10 counting events outlined in the diary. The player with the highest aggregate points at the end of the season will be declared 'Golfer of The Year'.
- Points scale: (nett scores) 1st-15pts, 2nd-12pts, 3rd-10pts, 4th-8pts, 5th-6pts, 6th-5pts, 7th-4pts, 8th-3pts, 9th-2pts, 10th- 1pt.
- The John Cusack Memorial Salver will be presented to the most improved golfer who takes part in a minimum of 10 competitions and who achieves the largest percentage reduction in handicap, as calculated by official GUI software.
- Club Matchplay Competitions are Singles Matchplay, Four- Ball Matchplay & Foursomes Matchplay.
- Deadline dates for club Matchplay Competitions will be strictly enforced. Failure to play the match within the allotted time will result in the disqualification of both players unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Handicap and Competitions' Secretary.
- Club Matchplay Handicaps:

Singles Matchplay Competition: The Full difference between the handicaps of the players.

Four-Ball Competition: Low handicapper to concede strokes to the other three players based on 90% of the difference between the full handicaps.

Foursome Competition: $\frac{1}{2}$ aggregate handicap of partners.

Rumble: Full Handicap.

Scramble: 10% of combined handicaps.

- In Matchplay, if level after 18 holes – thereafter sudden death (starting at the 1st).
- Both players' pairings are responsible for arranging their match.
- The Competitions Committee has the sole discretion as it sees fit to amend the rules. All queries regarding handicaps and competition rules etc. should be put in writing to the Handicap and Competitions' Secretary.

Scoring & Score Cards:

- RULE 6.1: The player and his caddie are responsible for knowing the Rules. During a stipulated round, for any breach of a rule by his caddie, the player incurs the applicable penalty.
- RULE 33.1: The Committee must establish the conditions under which a competition is to be played. The Committee has no power to waive a rule of golf.
- RULE 6.2.b The competitor must ensure that his handicap is recorded on his scorecard before it is returned to the Committee. If no handicap is recorded on his scorecard before it is returned (Rule 6.6b), or if the recorded handicap is higher than that to which he is entitled and this affects the number of strokes received, he is disqualified from the competition, otherwise the Score stands.
- NOTE: It is each player's responsibility to know the correct hole index at each hole when marking their card.
- RULE 6.6.a Recording the Scores

After each hole, the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round, the marker must sign the score card and hand it to the competitor. If more than one marker records the scores, each must sign for the part which he is responsible.

- RULE 6.6.b Signing & Returning Scorecards

After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the committee. He must ensure the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card himself and return it to the committee as soon as possible. The penalty for breach of Rule 6.6b is DISQUALIFICATION.

- RULE 6.6.c Alteration of Score Card

No alterations may be made to a scorecard after the competitor has returned it to the committee.

- RULE 6.6.d Wrong Score for Hole

The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands. NOTE: The committee is responsible for the addition of scores and application of handicap recorded on the score card — See Rule 33.5

- NOTE 2: in Four-Ball Strokeplay, see also Rule 31.4 and 7a

PLEASE MARK SCORE CARDS CAREFULLY AND LEGIBLY.

- Handicaps: Members playing in club competitions must return all cards otherwise; their handicaps are likely to be reduced.
- Members are obliged to return all cards from open and society competitions that equal or better the course standard scratch.

- Members are responsible for informing the Handicap and Competitions Secretary if they finish in the top three places in golf classics or similar team events.
- Timesheets for Competitions

Timesheets for weekly competitions open at 10 am on the proceeding Friday morning. Tee times can be booked online through Knightsbrook Golf Club internet Tee Reservation Service on our website www.knightsbrookgolfclub.ie

This service allows members to book a tee time over the internet and get instant on-screen and email confirmation of their booking. This booking service is an integral part of the club's live computerised booking system, hence tee time availability is accurate and up to date to the second from anywhere in the world. Competition tee times can also be booked by contacting the Golf Shop on 046 9482102. An online waiting list is now available for all weekend competitions. Timesheets for all major competitions will open 15 days in advance.

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- Before commencing your round please complete the following steps: 1. Pay the entry fee in the golf shop. (No casual golf is permitted during official competition time). 2. Enter the competition on the computer. On completion of your round, enter your score in the computer and then put your signed scorecard in the slot for scorecards beside the computer monitor.
 - Members must ensure that scorecards are signed by a fellow member who is also signed into the club competition.
- Players are responsible for the proper return of their scorecards. This card should have the date, competition details, handicap, signature and the gross score for stroke play, four-ball, foursomes and preferably the points filled in for each hole to assist in the efficient processing of cards.
- Players who do not return their score cards after competitions. This impacts on the CSS calculation and effects all players' handicap adjustments. Clauses 23 and 24 of the UHS gives Handicap Committee's discretion to deal with players who persistently submit incomplete cards or make Non-Returns if it considers they are attempting to build a handicap. (Pg. 85 CONGU Unified Handicap System). Players failing to return scorecards on completion of their round cause the Handicap Committee additional work and the club would be entitled to suspend a player's right to compete in club competitions for a specified period or for more persistent offences suspend his handicap for an appropriate period. (Clause 17 Dec.1 (p) CONGU Unified Handicap System). The handicap committee of Knightsbrook golf Club has decided that failure to return 3 cards will result in disciplinary action by the committee under the appropriate clause.
- Golfing Union of Ireland Rules regarding Amateur Status applies in all competitions.
- Failure to enter your score in the computer for singles competitions may result in disqualification unless in the exceptional case the computer was out of order, and the player indicates this on his scorecard.
- Members must ensure that scorecards are signed by a fellow member of Knightsbrook Golf Club in all members' competitions.

- Players are also responsible for checking the details of conditions of play on club notice board prior to competitions.
- Members must make every effort to ensure that their playing partners are not discommoded by late withdrawals. Late withdrawals and or failure to inform Competitions' Committee in good time are not acceptable and the Committee will apply the "no show" policy.
- Members who are noted to be regular "no-shows" or who are habitually late for their tee time will receive the following sanctions:
 - Their name will be placed on the "No Show List" in the clubhouse and will remain there for one month.
 - Should they persist their name will be posted for another month.
 - If necessary, thereafter suspension of handicap will apply.
 - Please avoid slow play. The Competitions Committee will monitor all reports of slow play.
 - If a match fails to keep its place and loses more than one clear hole on players in front, it should allow the match following to pass. Players in a competition shall have precedence both in starting and through the green over players playing ordinary matches.

Prizes and Presentations:

- Prize-winners are asked to attend Presentations or make suitable alternative arrangements for prizes to be collected at the presentation.
- Where a prize winner cannot attend at presentations, arrangements should be made for the attendance of a substitute representative and should be notified in advance to the Committee.
- Prizes not collected within 21 days of competition will be redistributed at the discretion of the Competitions' Committee.
- Open Draws

All G.O.Y Competitions will be an open draw. Each draw will take place 48 hours prior to competitions. All members must play within the designated club competition times. Request by members for specific times (within competition times) must be made to the competition committee at least 24 hours prior to draws. Once the draw is posted, no changes can be made by individual members. Any unauthorised changes will result in disqualification from the competition.

Course Usage and Etiquette:

- Replace Divots on the fairways. Repair Pitchmarks on the greens. Rake Bunkers at all times.
- Be ready to play at least 10 minutes before your appointed time.
- Do not waste time on tees boxes, have your club, tee and ball ready when your turn comes to play.
- On the fairway have your club selected and your shot lined up, while your partners are playing their shots, if possible.
- Park your clubs /caddy car at the exit side of the green for easy access to the next tee.
- Do not mark cards around green — mark them on the next tee box.
- Caddy cars/buggies must be kept well away from tees and greens and bunkers.
- Players searching for a ball should signal to let players through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found.
- They should not continue play until the players have passed and are out of range.
- Slow play is not acceptable. Keep up with the players in front, not ahead of those behind. The committee will, if necessary, contact or write to constant offenders.
- It is mandatory to let the following group play through if you have lost a hole on the group ahead.
- Mobile phones are not permitted on the course except in the case of emergency.
- Appropriate Dress

Both the Men's and Ladies Committee of Knightsbrook Golf Club are anxious that standards of dress are maintained at a high level, particularly in the clubhouse, on the course and practice areas. To this end, the Committee seek the full co-operation of all members and their guests to ensure that appropriate dress is worn at all times.

- Please note that members have a responsibility to ensure that their guests adhere to the dress code regulations while in the clubhouse or on the course. The following items are unacceptable:
 - Denim jeans/jackets (not acceptable on the golf course)
 - Untailored Shorts
 - Tracksuits
 - Trainers / Running Shoes
 - Collarless & Sleeveless Shirts
 - Tee Shirts
 - Football & Rugby jerseys. Trousers must not be tucked into socks.
- The management and staff of Knightsbrook Golf Club have been asked to draw these regulations to the attention of those persons who are unsuitably dressed. It is expected that the implementation of this code will be affected with courtesy and common sense.